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Division on Earth and Life Studies Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology

February 10, 2022

Kai Thompson Task Order Contracting Officer Representative U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of January 2022.

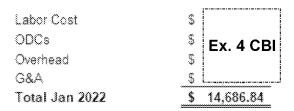
Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of the first workshop; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff conducted the 5th meeting of the committee, in closed session. The committee discussed the outline and plans for development of the consensus report, as well as the literature review tasks and the second workshop. National Academies staff also convened meetings of the committee in subgroup to further advance plans for the literature review tasks and the second workshop. As confirmed with EPA staff, the second workshop is slated for May 12, 2022, and will be conducted virtually.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate conducting the 6th meeting of the committee, in closed session, to advance development of the committee's consensus report. In addition, subgroup meetings of the committee are anticipated, to further plans for the literature review and the second workshop. National Academies staff also anticipate soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups. In addition, project staff anticipate preparation of the *Proceedings in Brief* of the first workshop for peer review in accordance with National Academies procedures.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for January 2022:



The total expenditures since inception are \$231,127.70. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

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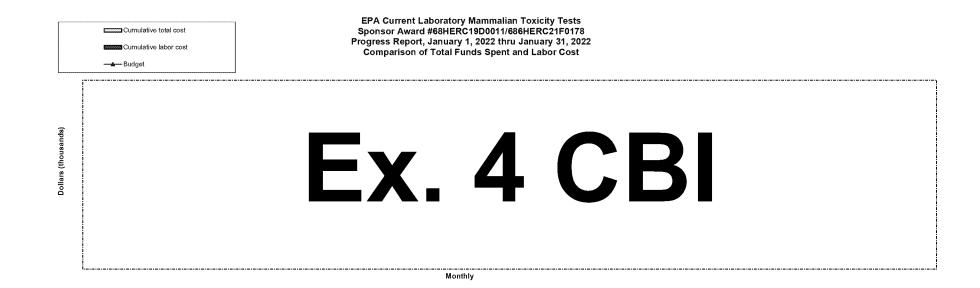
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Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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■ Hours worked this month

■Hours worked to date

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